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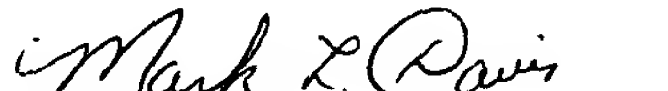
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Sir,

In the above identified patent application please enter the following amendments to the title, specification and claims before determining the appropriate application fee.

Enclosed herewith are:

- (1) Copy of the Declaration from the parent application;
- (2) Information Disclosure Statement and cover sheet;
- (3) Copy of Appointment of Associate Attorney filed in parent application; and
- (4) Copy of Change in Correspondence Address filed in parent application;

This preliminary amendment is arranged as follows:

Pages 2- 5 are the claims in clean form; and

Page 5 contains the Remarks portion of this preliminary amendment.